



Command Religious Program

E-Newsletter

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Chapel Services

Roman Catholic

St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel
Bldg. 300

Sunday Mass: 1000

Weekday Mass: 1205 [Tues-Fri]

Religious Education: 0845-0945, Sundays

Reconciliation: 0900-0930 Sunday
also upon request.

Baptism and Marriage - please contact the chaplain

Protestant

Christ the King Chapel
1st floor – Herrmann Hall

Sunday: 1000

Children's Church 1015, Sunday

Baptism and Marriage – please contact the chaplain

HOLY DAYS – July, 2007

9th - Martyrdom of the Bab - Baha'i - Ali Mohammed was executed in 1850 by Persian political and religious powers. It is observed by abstaining from commerce and work.

11th - St Benedict Day - Catholic Christian recognition of the father of the Benedictine Order. It was the first Order of the Western Church Monastic tradition and lived by the Benedictine Rule.

13th - Obon (Ulambana) - Buddhist celebration of the ritual of saving the deceased from torments after death.

15th - St. Vladimir Day - Orthodox Christian

23rd - Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie I - Rastafari celebration honoring the founder.

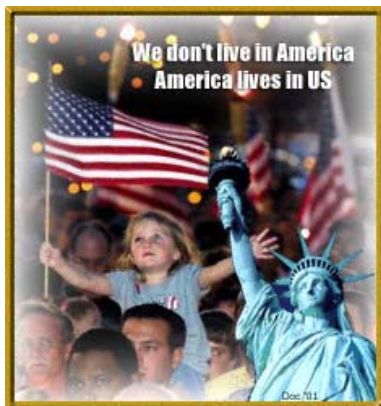
24th - Pioneer Day - Mormon Christian It is the observation of arrival of first settlers at Great Salt Lake, USA, on July 24, 1847.

24th - Tisha B'Av - A Jewish day of fasting in remembrance of the destruction of the Temple in 586 B.C. and 70 A.D.

25th - St. James the Great Day – Christian recognition of the martyrdom of the Apostle James the Great in 44 c.e

- The La Mesa Women's Bible Study meets every at the La Mesa Community Center. They are always welcoming of new individuals. For more information, contact the Chaplain Office – 656-2241
- The Officer's Christian Fellowship meets on Thursdays at 1830 (6:30 PM) at the La Mesa Community Center. Feel free to stop by for time for prayer, fellowship, small group study and light refreshments.
- I-Help Volunteers needed. The purpose of this ministry is to feed the homeless and we can always use volunteers to go to the Sanctuary Bible Church in Carmel Valley the second Sunday of each month. Please see the following link for more information <http://www.nps.navy.mil/chapel/Protestant/I-HELP.htm>
- Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible Study. Tuesday mornings 9:30 – 11:30 at Fort Ord Chapel. Open to all women of the military community. Join us for great fellowship. Free childcare provided. For more information, contact Bethany Hill at 236-0070 or bandchill1@vzavenue.net
- Navigators has an active presence on the NPS campus. The meet at 0615, Wednesdays, at the La Mesa Community Center. For more information, contact Bob Rheem at 384-2650.
- Campus Crusade for Christ. You've come to Monterey to listen and to listen and to learn many things. You will ask and answer many questions. But have you found the answers to life's most important questions. Who is God? Who am I? What am I to do with my life? The military ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ is here to help you answer these and other questions of life and spirituality through retreats, bible studies, disciplinship groups, and individual disciplinship. Campus Crusade for Christ is a great way to participate in the life of the church. For more information, contact David Cook at 394-3160.

The United States of America is 231 years old this Wednesday. That's a long time for a nation to remain free. But, when you look at our history in the context of world history America is just a CHILD among the nations. Egypt, China, Japan, Rome, Greece



all make America's history seem so short. Consider what a brief time we've really been here as a nation: When Thomas Jefferson died, Abraham Lincoln was a young man of 17. When Lincoln was assassinated, Woodrow Wilson was a boy of 8. By the time he died Ronald Reagan was a boy of 12.

There you have it. The lives of four men can take you all the way back to the beginning of our country, 231 years ago. We are so young. And yet we stand tall among these nations because of the principles on which we were established: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their

Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

Thus begins the Declaration of Independence, which we celebrate this week. And do not let anyone fool you. Freedom ought and need be celebrated. I celebrate with you the freedoms which God has blessed this great nation of ours. Now I cannot tell you whether God has blessed us with liberty and therefore we are free or we have wisely and simply built our liberty based on biblical principles. In any case our freedom is from God.

Now let me temper our celebrations with a caution: With freedom comes great responsibility. We are not free to live excessive lives. We are not set at liberty to pursue selfish ends. Our independence should not make us infidels.

The framers of our great nation were serious about their political and religious freedom. In fact they made little distinction between them. That is why the Declaration of Independence says that liberty is a right endowed not by nature but by God himself. We have been serious about liberty ever since. Patrick Henry said, "I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death." Thomas Jefferson with a bit of humor and absolute seriousness said, "Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter." And it need not be pointed out that the First Amendment to the Constitution is congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech or of the press.



Now let us be sober for a minute. There always has been and always will be those who are opposed to freedom. Lincoln fought it on the battlefields of Gettysburg. Martin Luther King encountered it in the streets of Memphis. And John F. Kennedy in his Inaugural Address warned the enemies of liberty: "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we will pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to

assure the survival and the success of Liberty."

On no greater stage is this now being played out than on the streets of Baghdad. The people of Iraq were handed a wonderful gift: A chance at democratic sovereignty. You and I will never know whether the blood and treasure we have spilled in that eastern desert will have been worth it. For, I maintain that it will take 100 years to really see the fruits of this effort. I pray that the calmer heads will prevail in the end and democracy wins. If it does then we have witnessed a revolution.

But it never ceases to amaze me why some people prefer tyranny, dictatorship, and control over democracy and freedom. I maintain that it's because there are three kinds of people in this world. The first two are related: there are those who have a need to control and then are those who have the need to be controlled. Then there is the third kind. He is the person who is free and insist that others are likewise.

So let's celebrate our liberty but let us not forget to celebrate also our responsibility to civility. I chose these two words liberty and civility this morning because they recall the old days of our nation. I could have just as simply said Freedom and Responsibility, for these are appropriate to our day, but I want to draw your attention to our foundations. Our freedoms bare a heavy burden. Great thinkers recognize this. "I am rather tired of hearing about our rights and privileges as American citizens. The time is come – it is now – when we ought to hear about the duties and responsibilities of our citizenship."

- Peter Marshall

"Every generation of Americans needs to know that freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought."

- Pope John Paul II

"Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide."

- John Adams

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

- Edmund Burke

You know as well as I that our nation has lost, in the last 20 years, a great deal of its gentleness, its kindness, its civility. Children are increasingly belligerent and adults more coarse than before. Let's break the cycle. Don't let the abundance we have acquired through liberty make us selfish. Celebrate with me today not just our liberties but our heritage of civility.

